

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A pouch-type lithium secondary battery comprising:
 - a battery unit comprising:
 - a positive electrode plate,
 - a separator, and
 - a negative electrode plate,
 - wherein the separator is disposed between the positive and negative electrode plates;
 - electrode tabs extending from each of the positive and negative electrode plates;
 - a case having a space to accommodate the battery unit, comprising upper and lower case bodies that are joined together at a sealing **[[surface]]** portion disposed along the periphery of the space, wherein the sealing portion comprises an interior sealing surface and an exterior sealing surface defining an outer edge; and
 - a protection circuit board directly electrically connected to the positive and negative electrode plates, via the electrode tabs, the protection circuit board having electrode terminals, wherein,
 - the electrode tabs extend from the positive and negative electrode plates, through the inner sealing surface of the case past the outer edge of the sealing portion, and are **[[then]]** bent only once at bent portions, so as to extend in a plane that is disposed at a substantially right angle with respect to a plane of the sealing **[[surface]]** portion, without extending beyond a thickness of the case,
 - the protection circuit board is disposed between an outer wall of the case and the bent electrode tabs, and
 - the electrode terminals of the protection circuit board contact the electrode tabs bent in a direction that is vertical with respect to the sealing **[[surface]]** portion of the case, so that the vertically extending portions of the electrode tabs are positioned outwards of the outer edge of the sealing portion.

2. (Previously Presented) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrode tabs are disposed parallel to the outer wall of the case, in an upright position, and are perpendicular to a contact surface at which the sealing surface is contacted.

3. (Canceled)

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5. (Canceled)

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7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, further comprising insulating tape to provide electrical insulation between the electrode tabs and the sealing **[[surface]]** portion, wherein the insulating tape is wrapped around the portions of the electrode tabs bent from a leading edge of the sealing **[[surface]]** portion.

9. (Canceled)

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19. (Previously Presented) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrode tabs connect to the protection circuit board on a side opposite to the outer wall of the case.